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Minutes of the Sudborough Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday, 24th September, 2015, in the Francil Giffin Memorial Hall

Present

Phil Colbourne Chair

David Neale

Jenny Innes (also Acting Clerk for this meeting)

Co-oped

Brian Silk

Brian Braithwaite

Apologies - District Councillor Sylvia Hughes and Wendy Brackenbury

Residents – There were six residents in attendance. Mr Sandy Feather brought up the issue of Broadband. Councillor Colbourne explained the situation regarding priority of population numbers. Sudborough being small, is not likely to get broadband until 2017. It was suggested as many residents as possible bombard Northants County Council. Also, that the Broadband champion come to talk to the village. Councillor Colbourne will follow up. Councillor Brian Silk suggested we ascertain which businesses run from the village to add weight to the cause.

Another issue was the cleaning up of verges around the Roundhouse end of the village. Mr and Mrs Don Haddaway had expressed an interest in organising this. Councillor David Neale will send out an email to the village for volunteers.

Declaration of Interests – There were none.

Minutes of meeting held on 30.07.15 – Councillor Neale proposed to accept the minutes. This was seconded by Councillor Innes and signed by the Chair, Councillor Colbourne.

Matters Arising – There were no matters arising.

Police Issues – No report was tendered by Police.

Election/Casual Vacancies update – Brian Silk and Brian Braithwaite were invited to join the Parish Council by the Chair, Councillor Colbourne. Councillors David Neale and Jenny Innes wholeheartedly agreed they should join the Parish Council. They have now joined the Parish Council making the total numbers complete.

Reports from other meetings – There were none.

Agreement and adoption of Revised Standing Orders and Financial Regulations – All councillors agreed to check out ENDC website on this and discuss again at the next meeting.

Website – Parish Councillor details on the website. New councillors need to be added.

Parish Clerk – To continue advertising for this position.

Correspondence – Circulated out to all councillors.

Planning Matters – 15/01566/LBC – There were no issues. As any comments had to be back to Planning at ENDC before this meeting, the council gave full agreement for the Acting Clerk, Councillor Innes, to reply accordingly to the Planning Department that there were no objections.

Accounts – Audited accounts approved. Proposed by Councillor Colbourne and seconded by Councillor Neale.

Items requiring urgent attention for information or for the next agenda.

Salt – look to order a new bin near the Round house with 25kg of salt bag. Investigate for the next meeting. Proposed by Councillor Colbourne and seconded by Councillor Brian Braithwaite.

The state of footpaths needs to be added to the agenda as well.

NCALC membership – Danny Moody

Footpath NU5 – This runs through the old Manor House Paddocks, across the bridge over Harpers Brook and turns left to go behind the village. It then joins up with other paths. It is in serious need of cutting back and tidying up but this cannot happen as it is under a legal dispute between NCC and the landowner that the path is on. The Rights of Way Officer cannot do anything at present.

Northants County Association of Local Councils (NCALC) - Invite Danny Moody to the next Parish Council meeting in November to talk about membership and its advantages and then decide whether to rejoin. Proposed by Councillor Colbourne and seconded by Councillor Innes.

Date of next meeting – The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 24th November at 19.30. To be held in the Francis Giffin Memorial Hall, Sudborough

The meeting was closed at 20.40.